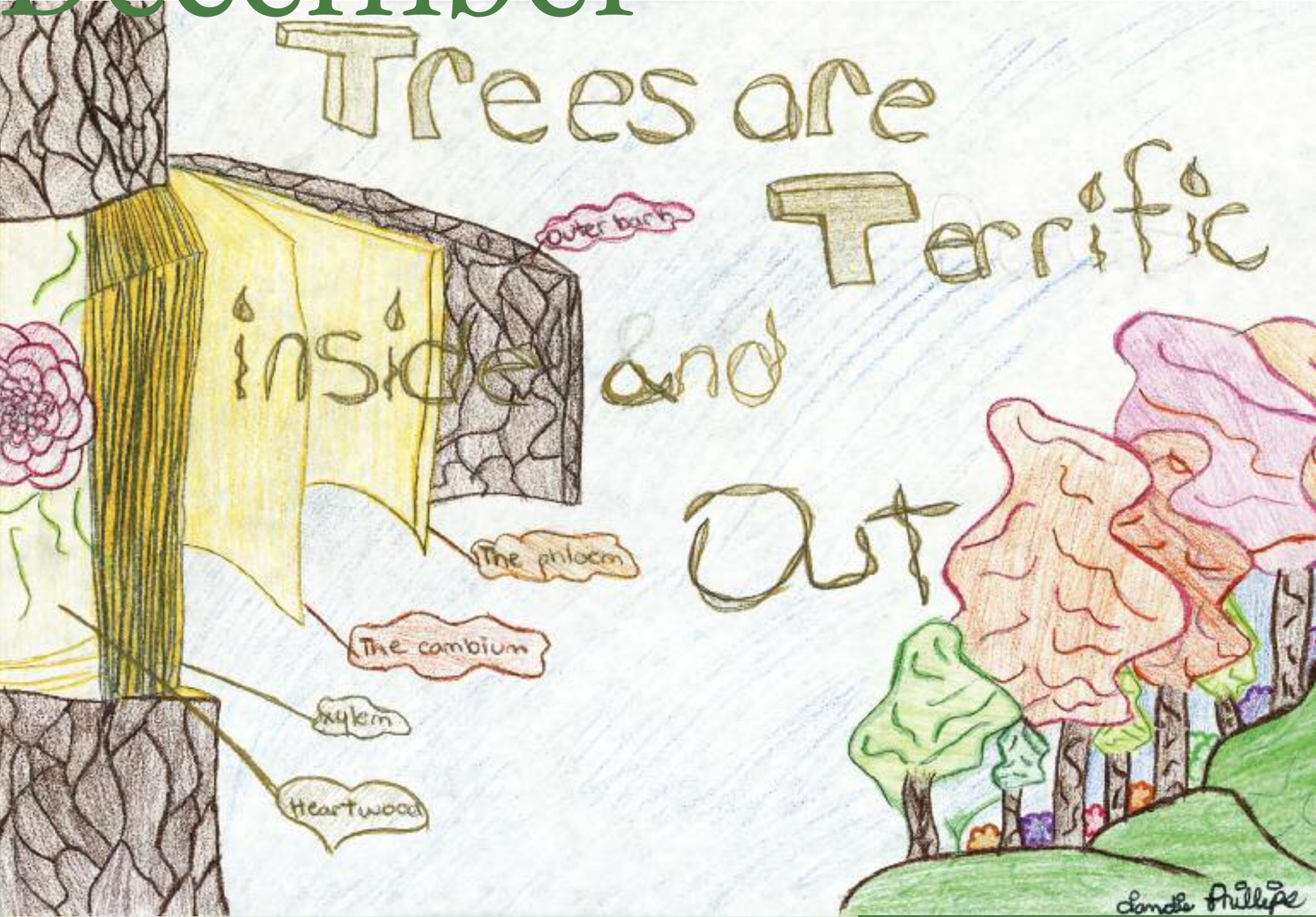



December



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6	7 Use three words that describe the weather today.	8	9	10 Flying squirrels at suet feeders during the night. They can glide anywhere from a few feet to 150 feet while looking for food.	11 Hanukkah begins at sundown.	12
13 It's true! Little black sunflower seeds attract the greatest number of perch-feeding birds.	14	15 Look for otter slides along creeks and waterways.	16	17 If there is snow, look for snow fleas (springtails) around the base of tree trunks.	18 Time to build a snowman!	19 Have the lakes frozen yet?
20	21 Winter Solstice – This marks the shortest day of the year and the first day of winter.	22 Snowflakes can be huge. In 1887 at Fort Keough, Montana, some of the snowflakes that fell measured 15 inches in diameter. That's bigger than a dinner plate!	23 Fun Forestry Fact: The balsam fir is a popular Christmas tree. Evergreen trees inspired the Yuletide song, "O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree).	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins
27	28 Endangered Species Act Passed (1973). Name one endangered species that lives in Wisconsin's forests.	29 White-tailed deer bucks begin to shed their antlers.	30	31 New Year's Eve Once in a blue moon . . . It's the second full moon of December, also called a Blue Moon.		

courtesy of Bob Queen

Forests are important to white-tailed deer because they provide shelter and food. Their special stomachs allow them to digest the twigs and bark from willow, oak, birch, and maple trees.

MY FAVORITE FOREST ANIMAL

By Morgan Birkenholz

My favorite forest animal, who is a good friend,
is the great White-tailed Deer.
I love the way it looks at me every time I'm near.
The deer I see lives in my untamed woods.
He has no fear to look me in the eyes.
In my fields it grazes on grasses while listening for a
fierce enemy close by.
I love the way the deer lives so free as if in a dream.
The way it leaps so high,
like a soaring bird in the sky.
The graceful way the deer walks around,
reminds me of a ballerina spinning
'round and 'round.
The caretaker of my forest,
from the smallest bambi,
to the biggest antlered buck,
I truly love the Whitetail.

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